

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2014-102-S

JOINT APPLICATION OF UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES, INC. AND CRUSADER/MOUNTIE, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM SERVING A PORTION OF NORTH GREENVILLE AND THE LAUREL VALLEY SUBDIVISION IN GREENVILLE COUNTY TO CRUSADER/MOUNTIE, LLC, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE AREA AND RATES FOR CRUSADER/MOUNTIE, LLC

United Utility Companies, Inc. ("United") and Crusader/Mountie, LLC ("Crusader") (jointly represented as "Joint Applicants") have filed a Joint Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for approval of a contract for the sale and transfer of the wastewater system serving a portion of North Greenville and the Laurel Valley subdivision in Greenville County from United to Crusader and for the establishment of a service area and rates for Crusader. Crusader is a wholly owned subsidiary of North Greenville University ("NGU") in Greenville County. The Joint Application was filed pursuant to Title 58 of the South Carolina Code and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541 and 103-512.4.B.

The Joint Application reveals that on or about December 18, 2013, the Joint Applicants entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") whereby, United will sell and Crusader will acquire the wastewater system, owned and operated by United serving a portion of the campus of NGU and the adjacent Laurel Valley Subdivision ("Territory"), the related property of United (whether real, personal or mixed), easements, and all necessary governmental authorizations held by United related to said wastewater system (including the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to United by the Commission), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for this wastewater system, and other permits necessary for the operation of the wastewater system.

The Application states the approval of the Joint Application is in the public interest because NGU has the experience with respect to the ownership and operation of the assets proposed to be transferred and this experience will be available to Crusader. Also, the Application states that Crusader has sufficient capital to execute the Agreement and no issuance of securities to obtain additional capital is required. Also, Crusader intends to charge for wastewater services at the current rates approved by the Commission for United in Docket No. 2013-199-WS. Hence, the approval of the Joint Application will not result in any increase in rates and rates will only be changed upon approval by the Commission in the future.

A copy of the company's Joint Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2014-102-S. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Application is available from the corporate offices of John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 and Duke K. McCall, Jr., Esquire, Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP, Post Office Box 87, Greenville, South Carolina 29602.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 21, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-102-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the companies at the above address, on or before **April 21, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-102-S.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2014-102-S.***

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